

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

In the first paragraph of page 7, lines 1-11 (published as paragraph [0031] in publication number 2005/0081015 of April 14, 2005):

Any of the functional units used in conjunction with embodiments of the invention can include machine-readable media for performing operations described herein. Machine-readable media includes any mechanism that provides (i.e., stores and/or transmits) information in a form readable by a machine (e.g., a computer). For example, a machine-readable medium includes read only memory (ROM), random access memory (RAM), magnetic disk storage media, optical storage media, flash memory devices, ~~electrical, optical, acoustical or other forms of propagated signals (e.g., carrier waves, infrared signals, digital signals, etc.)~~, etc. According to embodiments of the invention, the functional units, including the abort handler 230, can be other types of logic (e.g., digital logic) for executing the operations described herein.